

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES TO INDIAN AIRLINES IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines has been incurring severe losses in its operations in North-East; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the services to North-East viable?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Indian Airlines and its subsidiary Alliance Air are incurring losses to the tune of around Rs.70 crores per annum on North East operations.

(b): The losses on North East operations are due to relatively lower fares, pay load penalties, higher operating cost due to Short-Haul sectors, poor load on certain sectors and inadequate airport facilities such as shorter runway, sunset restrictions, no night landing facility and inclement weather etc.

Government of India has agreed, in principle, to provide Rs.35 crores in the Budget Estimates of 2002-03 for Indian Airlines to enable it to improve air connectivity in North-East.